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Sensationalist, a person beside me at work
remarked, obviously wrong-headed because yesterday
they had announced a hole in the sky that was supposed
to have been patched up. 'Melting like ice cream,'
and this the coldest spring on record?

Here it was April, with a lopsided
ophidian cloud spitting ice pellets as I
looked out the window, a brown animal sliminess slithered by
in a squelching way—though it might have been
the sudden movement of my eyes
glancing back at it.

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